UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION 5** 77 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

RCRA FOCUSED COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT

FACILITY NAME:

MID AMERICA IBC

FACILITY U.S. EPA ID NO .:

None

FACILITY TYPE:

Non-Notifier

FACILITY ADDRESS:

2300 West Cornell Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

U.S. EPA REPRESENTATIVE:

Walt Francis

DATE OF INSPECTION:

February 24, 2017

NAICS CODE:

332439 - Other Metal Container Manufacturing

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Walt Francis

Environmental Scientist

Julie Morris, Chief

Compliance Section 2

RCRA Branch

Purpose of Inspection

This inspection was an evaluation of Mid America IBC's compliance with hazardous waste, used oil, and universal waste regulations found in the Wisconsin Administrative Code (WAC) and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The inspection team included inspectors from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and myself. The inspection was an EPA lead Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) focused compliance evaluation inspection (FCI). The site never notified as a generator of hazardous waste.

Participants

United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Inspectors -Walt Francis, RCRA Program James Entzminger, EPCRA Program Kathy Halbur, Superfund Emergency Response Manojkumar Patel, CAA Program

United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) Inspectors – Laura Kwilinski, PHMSA Mark Razny, PHMSA

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Inspectors – Edward Lynch, Waste Program George Volpentesta, Air Program Bryan Hartsook, Wastewater Program Steve Mueller, Remediation and Redevelopment Program Benjamin Benninghoff, Stormwater Program

Representatives of Mid-America IBC – Rodney Knash, Operator Linda Benfield, Attorney Foley and Lardner, LLP Amanda Beggs, Attorney Foley and Lardner, LLP Siva Sambasivam, Greif

Site Description/Background Information

Mid-America Steel Drum Company was established in 1975. Mid-America Steel Drum has four locations in Milwaukee County (3950 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, St. Francis, 2529 E. Norwich Avenue, St. Francis, 8570 S. Chicago Road, Oak Creek, and 2300 W. Cornell St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin). The Cornell Street facility receives 250-gallon plastic and metal totes. The totes are stored prior to processing. Tote processing includes the removal of any liquid contents with a shop vacuum apparatus. The removed liquids are accumulated in 250-gallon totes and sent off-

site as a "Non-Hazardous Waste" to Badger Disposal. The next step includes an internal cleaning with soapy water and caustic. The used cleaning solution is pumped over a paper filter which removes debris. The exterior of the totes are then power washed. Based on customer specifications, either a reused plastic tote or a new plastic tote is placed in the metal tote cage and then sold to the customer. Mid-America personnel told the inspectors that if any tote arrives that contains corrosive or flammable material they are shipped to National Container, Chicago, Illinois. Mid America IBC also operates a "Cut and Scrape Operation" at the Milwaukee facility. Totes which have a residue on the bottom are placed in a saw apparatus which cuts off the bottom of the tote. Workers scrape any remaining residue into 55-gallon drums. The recovered plastic is sold to "Indy Drum". Mid-American IBC employees told the inspectors that any totes that come in as "Heavy" that do not meet the RCRA empty standards are rejected. Mid-America IBC also has a Maintenance Shop where they accumulate used fluorescent lamps. Mid-America IBS processes about 80 totes per day, operates Monday through Friday 6:00 am to 3:30 pm, has seven employees, and has been at this location for 5 years. The building occupies 30,000 square feet, and 2.66 acres. According to Mid America IBC personnel any shipping papers are stored at the Oak Creek facility.

The Milwaukee facility generates cut and scrape waste material and tote vacuuming residue, plastic and metal scrap, and used washwater. Cut and scrape residues and tote liquid residue are shipped to Badger Disposal, plastic and metal scrap are sent off-site to auto scrap yard, and the used wash water and any preflush is picked up by Advanced Waste Disposal.

Opening Conference

U.S. EPA, U.S. DOT, and WDNR representatives arrived at the Mid America IBC facility at approximately 8:55 am. The inspection group entered the facility through the truck gate and entered the facility by the loading dock. The inspectors were taken to the lunch room. The inspectors introduced themselves to Mr. Rodney Knash and Ms. Linda Benfield. A short time later, Mr. James Entzminger arrived at the facility. Inspector Francis presented his credentials to Ms. Benfield. Inspector Francis informed them of the nature, scope, and procedures of the inspection. The inspection was conducted by U.S. EPA, U.S. DOT and WDNR personnel. Mr. Knash provided the inspectors with an in depth review of the facility, and provided information on the various waste streams. Ms. Benfield told the inspectors that any photographs taken should be considered CBI. Mr. Rodney Knash allowed the inspector access to the facility to conduct the inspection.

Site Tour

The walk-through began at the Loading Dock area. Mr. Knash explained how totes arrive and are staged for storage (see photograph number 7). Mr. Knash took the inspectors to the Shop Vacuum Area. Mr. Knash explained how any liquid material is vacuumed out of the totes and placed in waste totes, see photographs number 1 and 2. The walk-through continued to the wash area. Mr. Knash showed the inspectors how the insides of the totes are washed with soap, caustic

and water. Mr. Knash then took the inspectors to the filter paper area and wash tanks, see photographs 3, 5, and 6. Inspector Francis observed four 250-gallon totes in this area waiting to be shipped to Badger Disposal, see photograph number 4. Mr. Knash told Inspector Francis that the totes contained tote vacuumed residues. The walkthrough continued to the Maintenance Shop. Inspector Francis observed a box of used compact fluorescent bulbs, see photograph number 8. The walkthrough continued to the "Drain Table". Residues from 250-gallon totes are drained into 55-gallon drums, see photographs 9 and 11. Mr. Knash showed the inspectors the tote cutting area, see photograph number 10. The walkthrough continued outside. Mr. Knash showed the inspectors totes waiting for processing, see photograph numbers 12 and 13. The walkthrough continued indoors, where Mr. Knash showed the inspectors two drum drying ovens and two 55-gallon containers, see photograph number 14. The inspection continued to an older area of the facility. Inspector Francis observed eight 55-galllon containers, see photograph number 15. The walkthrough continued back to the lunch room area. Inspector Francis observed one 250-gallon tote of "Drain Table Residue" waiting to be shipped out and the Cut and Scrape Area Drain Table, and a "Recertified 250-Gallon Tote M4712, see photograph numbers 16, 17, and 18.

The inspectors returned to the lunch room to review records.

Records Review

Mr. Knash provided Inspector Francis with a hazardous waste manifest for one tank truck load of non-hazardous waste water sent to Advanced Waste Services, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A Non-Hazardous Waste Manifest for the shop vacuum residue sent to Badger Disposal, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and an example incoming "Empty Totes For Recycle" Bill of Lading from Valspar Corp, Wheeling, Illinois. Inspector Francis asked Mr. Knash about waste determination records. Mr. Knash told Inspector Francis that he had the various waste streams analyzed recently, but did not have the results.

Closing Conference

The inspectors conducted a closing conference. Inspector Francis explained that he would review his notes from the inspection, and would be waiting for the waste determination records. Inspector Francis provided a U.S. EPA Small Business Resources, and a U.S. EPA Region 5 Pollution Prevention contact sheet to Mr. Knash.

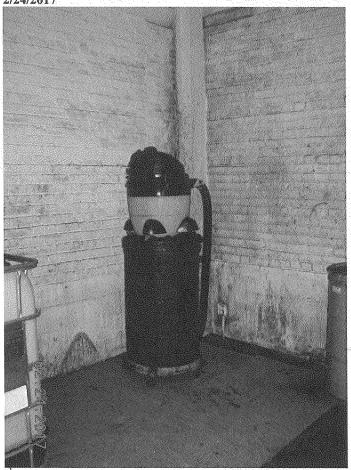
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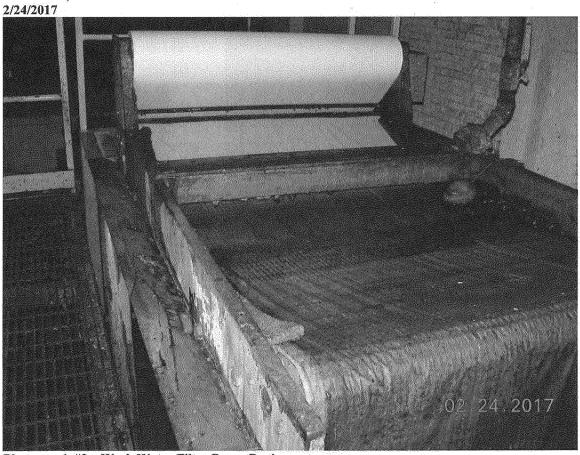
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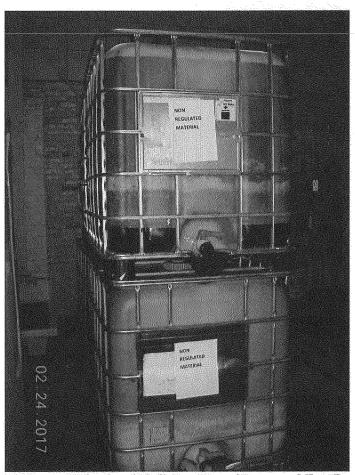
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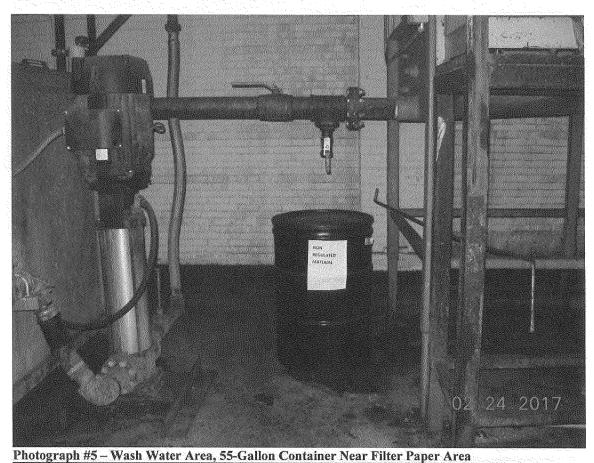
Photograph #2 – Tote Vacuuming Area, Two 250-Gallon Totes with Tote Residues



Photograph #3 – Wash Water Filter Paper Device



Photograph #4 – Two 250-Gallon Toes of Recovered Tote Residue

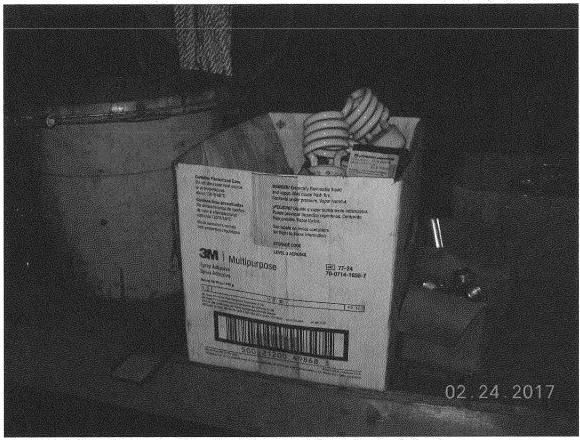




Photograph #6 - Wash Water Area, 55-Gallon Container Near Filter Paper Area

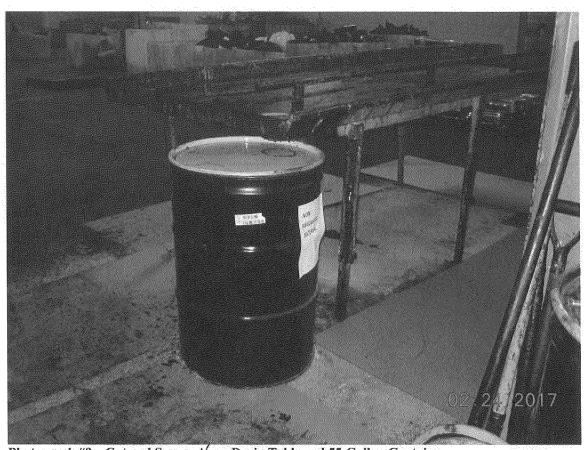


Photograph #7 – 250-Gallon Totes Waiting To Be Processed

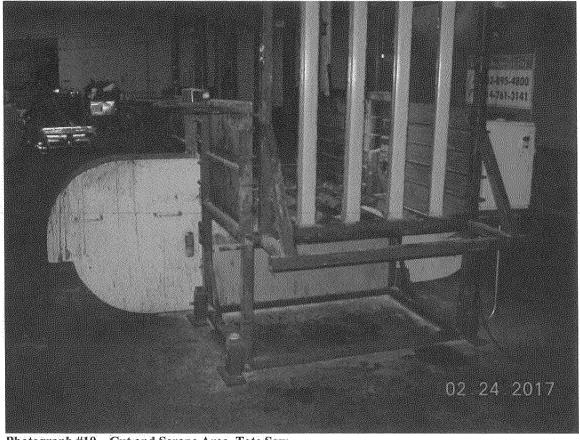


Photograph #8 - Maintenance Shop, Used Fluorescent Lamp Accumulation Area

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Photograph #9 - Cut and Scrape Area, Drain Table and 55-Gallon Container



Photograph #10 - Cut and Scrape Area, Tote Saw



Photograph #11 - Cut and Scrape Area, 55-Gallon Containers of Tote Residues



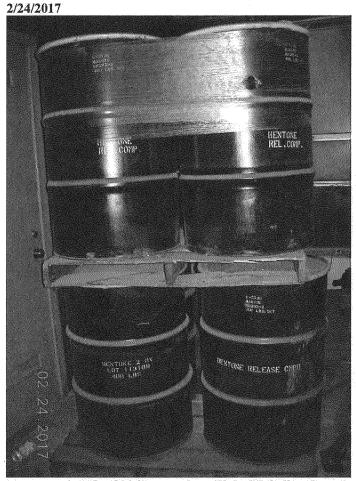
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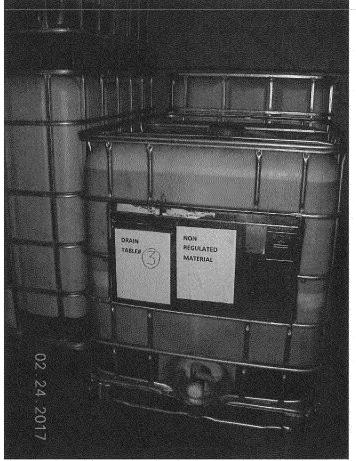
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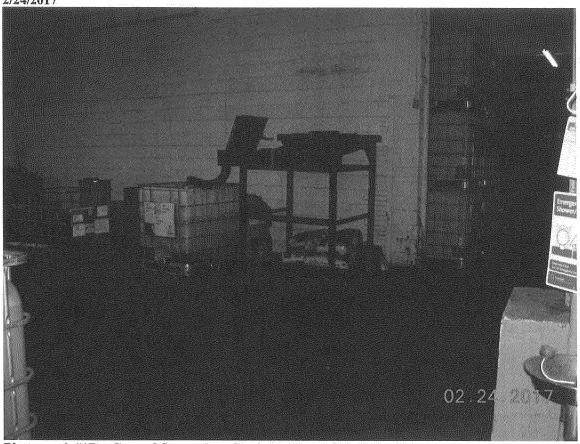
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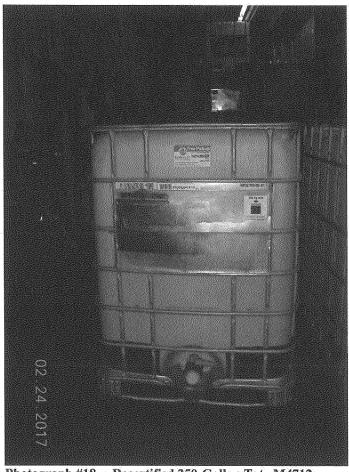
Photograph #15 – Old Storage Area Eight 55-Gallon Containers



Photograph #16 - 250-Gallon Tote of Drain Table Residue



Photograph #17 - Cut and Scrape Area Drain Table and 250-Gallon Tote



Photograph #18 - Recertified 250-Gallon Tote M4712